

Saturday Market:

Eugene's weekly open air craft fair

If it can be gathered, grown or made by an area artisan, you can buy it from the some 200 such craftspeople at the Saturday Market, Eugene's weekly open-air craft fair.

For those not buying, a diversity of foods for the palate and entertainment for the fun of it help fill out the parking lot-turned festival at Eighth and Oak streets. It's open every Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., up until the weekend before Christmas.

The weekend market may be returning to exclusive Saturday operation soon, according to John Kellogg, executive director of the market's board of directors. The market's committee-of-the-whole, which elects the board and consists of anyone interested in attending, will take up a motion to that effect at its July meeting.

The Saturday Market added Sunday to its schedule when a large number of craftspeople were left out of the filled marketplace. Now, however, the market is averaging less than 190 booths Saturday, well below the capacity

of 225. And with the summer slump coming up, Kellogg thinks the Sunday market will have to go.

Until that happens, however, the weekend festivities will go on with a new wrinkle tried recently — a twilight market staying open until dark — scheduled again for some Saturday in July.

Those who want in on the selling side of the action can sign up to rent a space for a \$2 minimum. After the first sales day the booth fee is based on the craftspeople's income. Artisans earning less than \$21 pay the minimum, sellers taking in \$31-\$90 will pay \$4, those making \$91-\$150 will rent a space for \$6 and vendors raking in over \$150 will pay \$8 for a place on the asphalt.

For the warm-hearted shopper, there are often kittens and puppies for sale outside the entrances. You'll have to cut your market visit short, if you buy one, though: Saturday Market has a restaurant license and cannot allow any animals inside.

by Phil Waldstein

The place for the 'cream-of-the-crop'

With an atmosphere like the Saturday Market crafts fair and the day-to-day permanence of a retail shopping mall, the Fifth Street Public Market at Fifth and High streets offers the handicrafts and home-grown food lover the best of both worlds.

The indoor market offers "cream-of-the-crop" artisans who have been successful enough to go permanent, says market mas-

ter Lou Elliott. A lot of vendors like not having to put up and take down booths, and it's convenient to customers who want to check back on items they've seen the day before.

There are about 40 crafts booths on the main floor of the renovated warehouse along with seven food outlets offering shish kabob, pastries, gourmet coffees and foods, hot dogs and juices. An

open courtyard with a fountain and more crafts and food sellers complement the indoor market on sunny days. A new tavern will straddle the north end of the courtyard in September.

Below decks are several more conventional shops such as a hardware store, shoe and watch repair shops, a book store, hair and skin care shops and a photography service that repairs cameras and offers tintype portraits. A fish market, meat market, country store, fresh produce stalls, dairy products and beer and wine shop and more restaurants and crafts booths round out the expanding lower level.



Photo by Warren Morgan

In mid-July a community youth festival is planned with a Pioneer Days complete with horseshoe throwing and antique autos later that month. In August, 25 to 40 artists will display their work in the courtyard.

The market is open Tuesday

through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Selling spaces are available inside for \$24 a week or \$10 for Saturday and Sunday and \$3 per weekday. The courtyard spaces go for \$5 a weekend and \$2 per weekday.

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